

**UPDATE TO LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
NEW MEXICO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE (NMHIX)
JULY 1, 2013**

The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) has been meeting for approximately 60 days. The Board has been actively working with four standing committees to implement and establish New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange: 1) Finance, Operations and Benefits; 2) Information Technology; 3) Marketing, Public Relations, and Outreach; and 4) Native Americans.

The NMHIX is developing a hybrid Exchange model, with individual enrollment and eligibility performed by the federal government and SHOP enrollment and eligibility performed by the NMHIX. Qualified Health Plan (QHP) management will be performed by the Division of Insurance and consumer assistance and outreach activities as well as Navigator/Assister functions will be performed by the NMHIX and its contractors. The NMHIX plans to utilize and adapt information and systems from other states where possible to allow timely development and implementation of the NMHIX to meet required federal timelines and begin enrollment activities on October 1, 2013.

Following the Board's decision to pursue a Hybrid Model Exchange HSD identified new systems interfaces between Medicaid, the Federal Hub, and the Exchange that will be required for October 1, 2013 enrollment, but which were not previously funded. The NMHIX Board took action to approve the HSD request for \$7.5 million in funding for Medicaid interfaces. A Memorandum of Understanding has been executed between HSD and NMHIX to allow for the transfer of all Level One grant funds to NMHIX except for the \$7.5 million for the IT interfaces and money previously expended by HSD. A total of approximately \$54M is expected to be transferred to the NMHIX from all Level One grants.

A total of \$20 million in additional Level One funds was requested from the federal government on May 15, 2013 and that grant award is expected in early July. The additional Level One grant funds will be used for outreach, education, and enrollment activities for the period of July 2013 through June 2014. The NMHIX anticipates request of additional federal funds for operations through 2015. The NMHIX must become financially self-sustaining by January 2016.

NMHIX Accomplishments:

- Execution of project management contract with Public Consulting Group (PCG);
- Completing execution of the Getinsured contract and has engaged Brownstein, Hyatt, Faber Schreck for additional legal review focused on IT contractual language;
- Evaluation of proposals for permanent legal representation;
- Released an RFP for Marketing and Public Relations;
- Finalizing a baseline 2013 budget;
- Established a Project Management Office and team;
- Completed NMHIX review of the SHOP product and functionality;
- Submitted a CMS business assessment application in the name of NMHIX; and
- Held stakeholder meetings to discuss outreach and enrollment activities and processes.

Upcoming NMHIX board meetings are June 28, July 19 and August 16. The board plans to meet monthly after the July 19 meeting. NMHIX meetings are open to the public and meeting announcements are posted on the NMHIX website.

The NMHIX will make monthly progress reports to the LHHS and will respond to requests for information at any time.

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